

Exceptional Pupils Ages 3-21 Endorsement for Visual Impairments

To qualify for the endorsement for visual impairments, a person *must*:

- I. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the area of visual impairments and have completed 8 semester credits of student teaching, equivalent field experience or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; **OR**
- II. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree **AND**:
 - A. Have completed 8 semester hours of student teaching of pupils who have visual impairments, equivalent field experience with such pupils or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; **AND**
 - B. Have completed 18 semester credits of course work in any of the following areas:
 - I. Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities
 - II. Development of the curriculum and methods for assessing and teaching pupils who are blind or have visual impairments
 - III. Beginning braille
 - IV. Advanced braille
 - V. Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities
 - VI. Rehabilitative services, education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult
 - VII. Psychological and social aspects of blindness
 - VIII. Physiological aspects of blindness; **OR**
 - IX. Orientation and mobility or low vision

Note: The requirement for course work in two of these areas may be satisfied by completing one course, of at least 3 semester credits that encompasses both subject matters.